The Tryal of Ellinor Merchand *at Juſtice-hall in the* Old Bailey *on* Munday *the 9th of* December, 1706. *and likewiſe the Proceedings upon an Adjournment on* Friday *the* 13*th of this Inſtant.*

Ellinor Merchand, was Indicted for a very high Miſdemeanour for that ſhe by her wicked Practices did contrive to deliver one *Allen Alexander* [illegible]*ton*, who fled from *France* for the ſake of Religion into this Kingdom, into the Hands of divers Popiſh Prieſts, in order to be convey'd beyond Sea to be tortured by their Inquiſition. It appeared that Mr. *Pitot* had been a Capuchin Friar in *France*, and minding to abjure the Popiſh Religion and become a Proteſtant fled for it, but was taken in *France* and very ſeverely dealt with by Imprisonment and other Cruelties; but at length made his eſcape into *Flanders*, and ſo into *Holland*; from whence he came to *England* and embraced the Proteſtant Religion, having firſt renounced all the Errors and Idolatry of the Romiſh Church, he was at length admitted into the *French* Church, and accordingly took a Lodging in *Spittlefields*, at the House of one Mr. *Abr. Allies de Fountaines*, where the Priſoner was a Servant, and lived under the colour of a *French* Refugee, but was ſecretly in her Heart a ſound Papiſt; and knowing what Mr. *Pitot* had done acquainted ſeveral Perſons therewith, who conſulted ſecretly to carry him beyond Sea, where he was either to renounce the Proteſtant Religion or undergo the Puniſhment of an Heretick; and on the ſecond of *September* laſt one *Richard Manuel* a Romiſh Prieſt came to him under the pretence of deſiring to Drink a Glaſs of Wine with him, which he conſented to, and having gotten him into their cuſtody they convey'd him from place to place till they brought him to the Envoy of *Portugal*'s House, where he was kept in a Room lockt up in order to be ſent away. The firſt Evidence was Mr *Pitot*, who ſaid that they did plot to take him away, and ſaid that the Priſoner came up to him and told him there was a Man below would ſpeak with him; he asked who it was, and ſhe reply'd ſhe did not know, and aſſoon as he came down it appeared to be Father *Richard*, [illegible] to drink a Glaſs of Wine with him, he having formerly ſeen him in *France*, which he conſented to, and accordingly carried him from place to place until he came to the *Portugal* Envoy's Houſe, where he remain'd till the next Day lockt up in a Room, in which Room was a green Bed (which place he afterwards found to be the Envoy's Houſe) at length he found means by a piece of a Sword which happened to be there to thruſt back the Lock and ſo got away. He further ſaid, that they offered him, if he would recant the Proteſtant Religion, that they would make his peace with the Church, and told him that he ſhould have a Penſion, but did not name how much, or elſe they would get him a place to ſome Foreign Ambaſſador, and there did continue in great fear leaſt they ſhould carry him beyond Sea. Another Evidence was a *French* Miniſter, who depoſed that Mr. *Pitot* came to their Vettry and declared that he was willing to abjure the Popiſh Religion; upon which they were minded to inquire after him, which they did; and the whole Vettry being ſatisfy'd of his ſincerity in renouncing the Popiſh Errors, he was accordingly admitted into the Congregation. Mr. *la Fountaine* depoſed that Mr. *Pitot* was his Lodger, and it was upon a Munday he went out, and he did not miſtruſt any thing till it grew late, by reaſon he uſed to come in betimes; but the next Morning he ſuſpected his Maid Servant, becauſe ſhe had been out two Days before, upon which he examined her, and ſhe deſired him to be quiet and ſhe would carry him to the place where he was; withthat he took ſome Friends with him and they went together, and ſhe led him towards the Tower, then he told her that was not the way ſhe told them before, and ſhe ſaid, if he would not do her any harm ſhe would carry them to him, where he was very well; then ſhe brought them down the *Strand*, and ſo into *Covent-garden*, at length ſhe came to *Lincoln's Inn-fields*, and on a ſudden turned ſhort and ran into the Envoy's Houſe; they endeavoured to follow her but could not, being denied her by the Envoy's Servants. He ſaid that he thought his Maid had been a *French* Proteſtant, by reaſon that he had ſeen her at the *French* Church, and never took her for a Papiſt. Mr. *la Fountaine*'s Kinſman depoſed much to the like effect. There was two other Evidences depoſed that they were going to the Cuſtom House and it happened to Rain, they agreed to go and Drink till the Rain was over, and they went to the Kings-head Ale-houſe by the back of the Stables, where they went into a dark place, and the Priſoner ſitting by the fire place they fell into diſcourſe of [illegible] and asking them ſeveral queſtions about it, they told her if ſhe was the Perſon delivered him, ſhe anſwering yes, they told her ſhe had done a very fine buſineſs in that, and ſhe ſaid that ſhe did not think ſhe had done a bad one. Another Evidence depoſed that about two Years ago there was a *Spaniſh* Carmelite Friar that was well reſpected by the Archbiſhop of *Cant.* which was convey'd away, and that he was never heard of ſince. The Priſoner denied the Fact, ſaying that ſhe did not contrive to deliver him, and ſaid that ſhe was of the Religion, but did not own her Father was of that Religion ſhe was of, and owned that ſhe brought her Mother to the Envoy's Houſe, becauſe ſhe knew the Man that took Mr. *Pitot* out with him, having ſeen him at Maſs the Sunday before, ſaid ſhe ſtood there, and denied that ſhe ever ſaid any thing to that effect as that ſhe had deliver'd him. She called divers Evidences who ſaid that Mr. *Pitot* did not lye in the Envoy's House but in another place in a young Man's Bed in a Garret, and the Bed had no Curtains about it, and there was neither Lock nor Bolt to the Door. Another Evidence, depoſed that he let Mr. *Pitot* out that Morning between 6 and 7 a Clock at the back Gate, by reaſon the fore Gate was not open. Her Witneſſes were all Papiſts, ſtrictly to be examined, and probably might have an Abſolution from their Prieſts, [illegible] having conſidered found her Guilty of the ſaid [illegible].

On Friday December 13. *the Proceedings were theſe.*

Mary Hutton, was Indicted for a Miſdemeanor for ſeducing and inticing one *Iſabella Ley*, Spinſter, above the age of ſeventeen Years out of the Cuſtody of *Elizabeth Ley* her Mother and Guardian, and marrying her to one *John Green* a Man of meaner Fortune, without the conſent of her ſaid Mother. The Fact alledg'd againſt her was thus, That the Priſoner was a Servant in the Houſe, and bargained with one *John Green* for a 100 *l.* to marry them together, ſhe being a good Fortune worth three thouſand Pounds. It happened that her Mother was to go to *Hamſtead* upon ſome Occaſions, and would take her Daughter with her, upon which ſhe feign'd her ſelf Sick, and deſired ſhe might ſtay behind; but her Mother being gone, the Priſoner and ſhe went out and took Coach from *Red Lion-fields* to *Leiceſter-fields*, from thence to the Horn Tavern in *Weſtminſter*, and changed their Coach ſeveral times for fear of being diſcovered; but being come they met the ſaid *Green* and a Non Jurant Parſon who married them. It appeared alſo by the Evidence, that the Priſoner was ſent to a Dairy houſe to fetch ſome Milk, ſhe took the young Gentlewoman with her, and carried her away to be married, and that ſhe did confeſs that ſhe had 40 Guineas and a Ring worth 10 *l.* and was to have 40 Guineas more. Another Evidence alſo ſaid, that the ſaw the Priſoner with a Ring, who told her it was worth 20 *l.* and when ſhe did accompliſh her buſineſs ſhe told him ſhe was to have a Ring of 10 *l.* for it, and Money to make it up 100 *l.* and that they were married, and that ſhe ſaw them a Bed, and threw the ſtocking. The Priſoner called a Witneſs to prove that ſhe was Married with her Conſent, and ſaid that the Miniſter was very unwilling to marry her, and askt her ſeveral Queſtions, to all which

which she gave very Satisfactory Answer, and seemed very well contented. He further said that she had seen Mrs. *Green* twice who said that she did think that she was very happy in a good Husband, all which the Jury having considered, and that she was at full Age to dispose of her self acquitted her.

Margaret Bevis. John Baggott, Mary Baggott. John Vanson, Jeremy Parman, and William Pendergrasse. were Indicted for a Riot, for that they by Force did enter into the House of *Thomas Jones*, Esq; and *Hannah Brownsworth*, on the 29th of *April* last, and taking away several of the Goods belonging to them, to the value of 400 *l.* and also Assulting one *Ann Mallard*, who deposed, That she was a Servant, and put into the House by Squire *Jones*, and Mrs *Brownsworth*, and on the 20th of *April* last, about 10 at Night, a Bayliff came in and Arrested her in an Action of 200 *l.* which at first she refused, telling him she had a Husband, with that, he struck her Head against the Wainscot, and set his Knee on her stomack, and afterwards lockt her up in a Room, and they took as many Goods as were worth 400 *l.* out of the House, and said, that she lost out of her Trunk, (which was not lockt) 10 Yards of Silk, 5 *s.* in Money, and some Silver Lace, to the value of 4 *s.* and 6*d.* There were also other Evidences, who said, That they got in and tore down all the Hangings and Curtains about the Beds and other Goods, and carried them away. For the Prisoner's Defence, it appeared, *Mallard* was Indebted to *Bevis*, who Arrested her in an Action of 200 *l.* and also had a Warrant to seize the Goods, but could not get entrance, but waiting near the Door, a Maid that belonged to the House knockt, and opening it, they forced in with her, and seized the Goods, and sent for a Constable to keep the Peace, and afterwards for some Porters, who carried away most part of the Goods, till near 12 a Clock, when Squire *Jones* came, and Swords being drawn, and Murder cry'd out. It appeared also, that *Bevis* had possession of the House, by virtue of an old Lease, and a Bill of Sale of the Goods before they were seized, and that *Mr. Jones*, and *Hannah Brownsworth*, had no possession of the House, and that they came in a lawful manner, which the Jury consider'd, found them not Guilty.

Thomas Wright. who had formerly received Sentence of Death for Robbing one *John Smith* on the Highway, which he confest at his Tryal; had formerly been a Farmer about *Enfield*, and a secret Thief for 11 Years together so that it was a very difficult matter to discover him; he also kept a Man whom he would often beat if he would not go a Robbing with him: Sometime after, his Man was Indicted, and he gave Evidence against him, whereby he was Convicted: Then he thought himself to be safe, but committing several Robberies, a general Complaint was made against him by the Country; he thereupon receiv'd Judgment to Die, however, he obtain'd a Pardon, on Condition he should Transport himself within 6 Weeks after the Date of his Pardon, into His Majesty's Plantations in *America*, and not to return into any of his Majesty's Dominions during the term of his Life, on forfeiture of his Life; all which being granted him, yet could not he forsake his wicked way of Living; for since that, he Stole nine Cows and a Bull in the County of *Essex*, and complaint thereof being made, and he not performing the Covenants in his Pardon which was Dated in *April*, 1699, he was thereupon ordered to prepare himself for Death.

☞ *Whereas a mistake by Accident happened in the last Sessions paper in the Verdict of* Edward Lewis *for Robbing the King's Exchequer, it was inserted that he was found Guilty of the Robbery in the Day time only, whereas he was found Guilty of the said Robbery, and also of the single Felony on both the other Indictments, and acquitted of the Burglary only.*

Elinor Merchand Fined a 100 Marks, and find Sureties for 12 Months, and to lye in Prison till she pay the same.

Thomas Wright is to be Executed with the rest of the Criminals.

The next ensuing Sessions to begin on Wednesday the 15 *of* January *by* 7 *a Clock in the Morning.*

God save King *WILLIAM.*

Sir *Thomas Abney*, Mayor.

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